

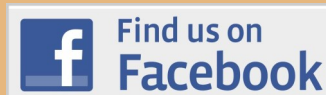


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HIGHLIGHTS

SOLAR ECLIPSE PREPARATION

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) along with other state and local agencies are coordinating efforts to ensure the safety of Missouri's citizens and visitors during the weekend leading up to August 21 and the rare solar eclipse. DHSS is prepared to respond to threats to the public's health. Please click [here](#) for a flier with additional information and links to reputable websites to prepare before viewing the Solar Eclipse.

SIX WIC LOCAL AGENCIES EARNED THE LOVING SUPPORT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) awarded six WIC local agencies in Missouri the *Loving Support Award of Excellence*. The program recognizes agencies that provide exemplary breastfeeding promotion and support activities. Three levels of excellence were recognized: Gold, Gold Premiere, and Gold Elite. Only agencies that have operated a peer counseling program for at least one year meeting all of the required core components of the USDA Food and Nutrition Services Loving Support© Model were eligible. Of the eighty-three agencies recognized across the country, ten are located in the Mountain Plains Region. Six Missouri agencies were awarded the Gold level:

Affinia Healthcare WIC
Columbia/Boone County WIC
Madison County WIC

Carroll County WIC
Family Care Health Center WIC
Saline County WIC

Congratulations for this achievement and thank you to all our agencies for all the work you do to support breastfeeding! For more information, please contact Lisa Schlientz at Lisa.Schlientz@health.mo.gov or 573-751-6468.

MILLER COUNTY HEALTH CENTER ADMINISTRATOR RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

The Miller County Health Center staff would like to invite you to a retirement celebration for their Administrator, Bruce Jenkins. Bruce has been with the Miller County Health Center for 10 years. The celebration for Bruce will be held Tuesday, August 22 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Miller County Health Center, 2125 Highway 52, Tuscumbia. For more information, please contact Misty Duncan at 573-369-2359 ext. 303 or mduncan@millercountyhealth.com.

LPHA Job Opportunities

Links to Valuable Resources

- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [Directory of LPHAs](#)
- [Area Agencies on Aging & Services](#)
- [Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies](#)
- [Missouri Institute for Community Health](#)
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- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
- [FDA Environmental Health Training](#)
- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
- [Ozark Public Health Institute](#)
- [Heartland Centers](#)
- [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#)

NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION PREPARATION SUPPORT

With funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support, the National of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is pleased to announce a funding opportunity for local health departments (LHD) to engage in accreditation readiness activities. The 2017–2018 Accreditation Support Initiative (ASI) awards are intended to stimulate quality improvement and promote LHD readiness to seek voluntary national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board. Application requirements and full details about the ASI opportunity are provided in the Request for Proposals (RFP) and the application document. Applications, via the online submission form, are due by 5:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday, **August 30**. For information for an optional web conference, to access RFP and application, and to register, please click [here](#). For more information about this opportunity, please e-mail asi@naccho.org.

VIRAL HEPATITIS FACT SHEETS

Fact sheets highlighting various topics related to hepatitis C are now available at <http://health.mo.gov/data/hivstdaids/data.php>. Four fact sheets are available: *Hepatitis C and People Who Inject Drugs (PWID)*, *Hepatitis C and Known Risks*, *Hepatitis C and Baby Boomers*, and *Hepatitis C Deaths in Missouri*. These one to two page fact sheets are designed to educate public health partners and the general public about the disease, risks associated with hepatitis C infection, and hepatitis C related deaths. For more information, please contact the Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis at 573-751-6439 or the Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics at 573-526-5271.

NURSING LICENSE PLATES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN MISSOURI!

The Missouri Nurses Foundation (MNF), a nonprofit working to promote the future of nursing, seeks to build camaraderie among and visibility of nurses in our state and is sponsoring a specialty license plate celebrating Missouri nurses. As an engaged nurse, MNF is offering you the opportunity to be among the first to drive with pride in your nursing profession. This license plate is available to anyone: family of nurses, friends of the nursing profession, nursing students, or recent grads. Please help spread the word! Please click [here](#) to find out how to get a Missouri nursing license plate. For more information, please call 573-636-4623 or e-mail info@missourinurses.org.

USCIS RELEASES NEW I-9 FORM

On July 17, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released a new version of the [Form I-9](#). The revised form may be used immediately but it must be used no later than **September 18**. Employers must continue following their existing [storage and retention rules](#) for any previously completed Form I-9. In addition to the revised I-9, the USCIS has also revised the [Handbook for Employers: Guidance for Completing Form I-9](#) which will outline some recent changes including: (1) The name of the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC) has been changed to Immigrant and Employee Rights Section (IER). (2) The Instructions on Section 2 have been slightly changed to read: "Employers or their authorized representative must complete and sign Section 2 within three business days of the employee's first day of employment."

MOSWIN LPHA GRANT RADIO CHECK-IN

Dave Bagge will be performing the check-in for the MOSWIN grant radios that local public health agencies have in their facilities. The check-ins will take place August 14 and will occur at the times below, depending on what Highway Patrol Region the facility is located:

- Region A: 9:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.
- Region B: 9:10 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
- Region C: 9:20 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- Region D: 9:30 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.
- Region E: 9:40 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
- Region F: 9:50 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- Region G: 10:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.
- Region H: 10:10 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.
- Region I: 10:20 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Important: The check-ins are going to use the Region X Zone that the facility is located in (X = A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, or I). This is not the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) zone that has DHSS COMMON in it; so if you are in DHSS zone, you are in the wrong place. AS HAS BEEN REQUESTED PREVIOUSLY, LPHA MOSWIN RADIO SHOULD ALWAYS BE "RESTING" ON LPHA "REGION X CALL" TALKGROUP. The check-in will take place on the Region X IO 2 talkgroup. If facility radios are resting on the "Region X Call" talkgroup, then all you have to do is turn the knob to the right of the window until Region X IO 2 shows in the window. Dave will call out agency and ask for a reply back on the radio. If you have any questions on how to get the radio to the correct place for the check-in, please call Dave at 573-522-6150, except an hour before the above time frame.

WIC UPDATES

The WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC webpage. You can view the updates at <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php>. This week's updates include:

- eWIC Implementation Teleconference
- July 2017 wichealth.org Newsletter
- JOB POSTING: Nutritionist/Dietitian - Crescent Clinic WIC

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

CLASS RECRUITMENT OPENING

The following class has been issued with an opening date of **August 1** and a closing date of **August 15**:

Health Program Representative II

The following class has been issued with an opening date of **August 1** and a closing and first addition date of **August 15**:

Health Program Representative I

Interested applicants must apply and be determined eligible for the classification by completing an application at <https://www.ease.mo.gov/>. The above opportunities can be viewed at <http://oa.mo.gov/personnel/classification-specifications/>.

DIRECTOR - Division of Community and Public Health

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services seeks applicants for the Director of the Division of Community and Public Health. This high-level, policy-making position is one of four that reports directly to the Department Director. The Director is intimately involved in developing public health policy for Missouri. At a minimum, applicants should have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. A graduate degree in public health is preferred but not required. For more information, please click [here](#). Applicants should submit their resume, [DHSS Application](#), and copies of official transcripts to Carrie Beck, Office of Human Resources, Department of Health and Senior Services, P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0570 or Carrie.Beck@health.mo.gov by **August 15**.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

MOALPHA BILLERS' CONFERENCE – SEPTEMBER 11- 12

The Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies Billers' Conference will be September 11 to 12 (Monday and Tuesday) at the Capital Ritz Event Center, 2716 Plaza Drive in Jefferson City. The conference will be 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday and include presentations on MoHealthNet, and panels of representatives from managed care companies and private health insurance companies to help answer your questions. In addition, there will be roundtables on Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. facilitated by local health department representatives on topics such as coding, billing policies and procedures, contracting with private health insurance companies, and much more! Hotel room costs and travel expenses will be reimbursed. Please contact Diane Weber, MoALPHA Executive Director at moalpha2004@yahoo.com for registration information.

MEHA ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE – October 4 - 6

The Missouri Environmental Health Association (MEHA) Annual Education Conference will be held October 4 to 6 at the Inn at the Grand Glaize. The MEHA Board has once again set aside \$500 for scholarships to be awarded to local public health agencies for Environmental Health Specialists to attend the annual education conference. Priority will be given to individuals and local public health agencies who have never attended the conference or who have not been able to attend in recent years.

[Applications](#) are due by **August 30**.

If you would like to recognize a fellow colleague for their hard work, please complete an [application](#) for the "Rookie of the Year" or "Environmental Health Specialist of the Year" awards to be given at the MEHA conference. Award applications are due by **August 30**. Please visit www.mmfeha.org for information about registration, lodging, agenda, applications, and much more. Please contact Kala Wekenborg-Tomka at michala.wekenborg@como.gov with any questions.

For other training opportunities, please see [Links to Valuable Resources](#) that are on Page 2 of this Friday Facts publication.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

REGISTERED DIETITIAN – Marion County Health Department

The Marion County Health Department seeks candidates for a part-time Registered Dietitian (RD). The RD will work with the WIC program, which includes community education, for 24 hours per week. The RD must be currently registered in Missouri. Please submit applications to Olivia.McBride@lpha.mo.gov or the Marion County Health Department, 3105 Route W, Hannibal, MO 63401. Please call Jean McBride, Administrator, at 573-221-1166 for more information.

NETWORK HEALTH DIRECTOR - Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium

The Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium is seeking candidates for a full-time Network Health Director. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#).

BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR – Phelps–Maries County Health Department

The Phelps-Maries County Health Department seeks candidates for a part-time Breastfeeding Peer Counselor in their WIC clinic. Candidates must have a high school diploma or equivalent, be a current or past WIC client, have a history of breastfeeding, and access to a personal phone. The ideal candidate is flexible, open-minded, utilizes exceptional communication skills, and is enthusiastic about breastfeeding. The position will be less than 1000 hours per year and will offer no benefits. Please send a resume and cover letter to the WIC Coordinator at Julie.Thorpe@phelpscounty.org by Wednesday, **August 16**.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE – St. Louis County Department of Public Health

The St. Louis County Department of Public Health is looking for two public health nurses to provide individual and population based care. For more information and to apply, please see job announcement at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/stlouis> and look for Registered Nurse – Public Health.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST – Webster County Health Unit

The Webster County Health Unit (WCHU) seeks candidates for a full-time Environmental Public Health Specialist. Candidates must meet minimum education requirements of a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college with a minimum of 30 earned credit hours in one or a combination of biology, chemistry, bacteriology, food science, soil science, sanitary science, environmental health, or in a closely related physical or natural sciences. Please submit resume to administrator@webstercohealth.com or WCHU, Administrator, 233 E. Washington, Marshfield, MO 65706. Please apply by **August 16**. Only qualified applicants apply, please. Benefits are available. WCHU is an equal opportunity employer.

c: Dr. Randall Williams, Department Director, DHSS Staff
County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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